

# 19th annual Afton Fair starts Tuesday

**By JIM WRIGHT**

AFTON — The 19th annual Afton Fair will begin its six-day run Tuesday with the first of ten children's days scheduled for the opening weekend.

The fair will operate under a new format this year with many first-time events and will be held at an old-fashioned fair for the whole family.

Country and western singing star Tom T. Hall will present his show in front of the grandstand at 8 p.m. and at 10 p.m. on opening night. There will be a special grandstand admission charge for the show.

Hall and his band, "The Storytellers," will have a brief concert. Afton adds

James Ramsey will play banjo with the Storytellers, when he joined on a regular basis in March, 1976.

He was a grandstand player when he was in the Afton Central School band. He will play with the band and play five-string banjo locally for people at the county and county fairs.

Children's day will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be a second child's day Friday.

American Poppet Productions will present their puppet spectacular, "Afton Town's Wonderful," during the afternoon hours. Wednesday and Thursday.

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## Youth, 16, drowns in Sharon Springs

SHARON SPRINGS—A 16-year-old Sharon Springs youth drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming in a farm pond on property owned by his father.

Robert E. Hennessey of Sharon Springs, 322, was pronounced dead on arrival at Bingham Hospital in Cooperstown. County Coroner George C. Tilgham ruled the death natural.

State Police in Chenoweth said Hennessey was swimming with Dale October 17.

## County learning justice is costly

Chenoweth County presently handles the prosecution of criminals with a part-time district attorney and a staff of part-time assistants.

The Board of Supervisors Planning and Public Safety and Police and Legislative committees said this week as far as they are concerned the position is going to remain part-time at least for the next five years.

Chenoweth County Sheriff Joseph J. Bennett, Jr. was the first to publicly question continuation of the part-time position.

Bennett, meeting with his Public Safety Committee members, said he was not in favor of continuing the part-time position. He said he was not in favor of continuing the part-time position.

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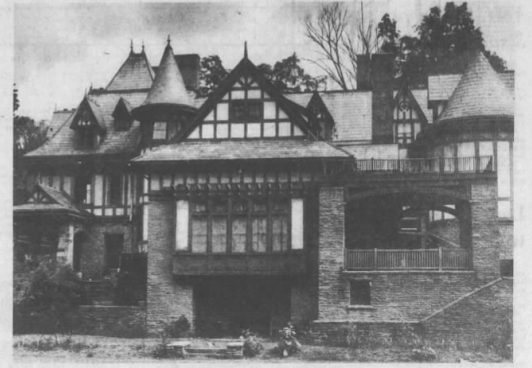
cept the prosecutor whose position remains full-time.

There can be no complaint at this time about the part-time position. It is a part-time district attorney — not what the sheriff would like.

Supervisors definitely would have a major impact on the part-time position. They would have a major impact on the part-time position.

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## Low bid is thrown out on Norwich sweeper

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